

# **The Cathedral Eucharist**

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025**

### **The First Sunday after Trinity**



*The President today is the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry. The Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Associate Minister, is deacon. Hannah Wilson, ordinand on placement, is sub-deacon. The Reverend Kate Massey, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, is preaching. The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon, Director of Music. The organists are David Rice and Amelia Parkin. The Setting today is the Missa Eliensis by Arthur Wills (1926-2020).*

### **Opening Hymn**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

*Words by J.S.B. Monsell (1811-1875)  
Tune CP 89 Was Lebet Melody from Theinhardt MS (1754)*

## The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no  
good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments we please you both in will  
and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The First Reading

*Read by Sandra Brownbridge, representing the Cathedral lay chaplains.*

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

<sup>1</sup> Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount

of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>10</sup> He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' <sup>11</sup> He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>14</sup> He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

*1 Kings 19:1-15*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

*cf 1 Peter 1.25*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Luke 8:26–39*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Offertory Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive,  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Tune CP 516ii Blaenwern W.P. Rowlands (1860-1937)*

## Anthem

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
and hath raised up a mighty salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hands of all that hate us,  
to perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
and to remember his holy Covenant,  
to perform the oath which he sware  
to our forefather Abraham,  
that he would give us,  
that we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies  
might serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before him  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
for the remission of their sins,  
thro' the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,  
to give light to them that sit in darkness,  
and in the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Words Luke 1:68-79  
Music by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

## Communion Hymn

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.**

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Tune CP 2 Ratisbon melody from Werner's Choralbuch Leipzig (1815)*

## Closing Hymn

**Alleluia! Song of gladness,  
Voice of everlasting joy;  
Alleluia! Sound the sweetest  
Heard among the choirs on high,  
Hymning in God's blissful mansion  
Day and night incessantly.**

**Alleluia! Church victorious,  
Thou may'st lift the joyful strain:  
Alleluia! Songs of triumph  
Well befit the ransomed train.  
Faint and feeble are our praises  
While in exile we remain.**

**Alleluia! Songs of gladness  
Suit not always souls forlorn;  
Alleluia! Sounds of sadness  
'Midst our joyful strains are borne;  
For in this dark world of sorrow  
We with tears our sins must mourn.**

**Praises with our prayers uniting,  
Hear us, blessed Trinity;  
Bring us to Thy blissful presence,  
There the Paschal Lamb to see,  
There to Thee our Alleluia  
Singing everlastingly.**

*Translation from Cooke and Denton's Hymnal (1853), based upon Chandler  
Tune CP 409 Neander Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

## **Voluntary**

*Please do stay for the organ voluntary, performed today by Amelia Parkin.*

*Te Deum, op 59 by Max Reger (1873-1916).*

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*Thank you for your support.*



*If you would like to revisit this morning's sermon, please visit this page:  
<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/services/sermons>*

*We serve refreshments at the back of the Nave after this service, so please  
feel free to stay for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee!*



## **Daily Services at the Cathedral:**

Regular services at the Cathedral follow this pattern. For special services and up-to-date information about one-off cancellations of the services below, please check the calendar on the Cathedral website:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/full-calendar>

### **Monday - Friday**

8:30 – 9:00am: *Morning Prayer & Holy Communion*

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

*(followed on Thursdays by BCP Holy Communion)*

4 – 4:30pm: *Evening Prayer*

*(or Wednesday and Thursday during school terms: Choral Evensong, 5:15 - 6pm)*

### **Saturday**

12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

### **Sunday**

10:30 – 11:45am: *The Cathedral Eucharist*

4 – 5pm: *Choral Evensong*

## **JOINING OUR CHOIRS**

*Do you know a child who loves to sing? Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 10 are welcome to audition for the Cathedral Boys' and Girls' Choirs. They sing an average of four times per week during term time in recordings, services and concerts. Children receive a world-class music education completely free and even receive scholarship payments. Please get in touch with the Director of Music to learn more:*

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## **Safeguarding at Coventry Cathedral**

We are committed to the safeguarding of all people. For details, please visit [www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding)

You can report a concern using the same link or by contacting Jane Williams, Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, calling 024 7650 2349 or by emailing [JaneMLWill@aol.com](mailto:JaneMLWill@aol.com)

Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team led by Sarah Price: 024 7652 1345 or [safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@coventry.anglican.org)

## **CHOIR CHAPERONES**

An URGENT call for more Volunteer Choir Chaperones. Those interested to please contact Jane Williams.

Thank you.

## **COMING SOON**

### **Windrush Service**

*TODAY - Sunday 22 June, 3pm*

Join us for a special service reflecting on the theme “Where are we now?” — a moment to honour the legacy of the Windrush Generation, celebrate their enduring contributions, and reflect on the journey of identity, justice, and belonging. Through prayer, music, and storytelling, we come together in remembrance and hope, acknowledging the past while looking forward to a shared future.

### **Summer Organ Recital Series**

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 12:30pm*

Our 2025 summer organ recital series continues on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June with a recital from Rashaan Allwood.

*R. Allwood For Mark*

*F. Liszt, transcribed by R. Allwood Transcendental Étude no. 4, Mazeppa*

Details of the rest of the series can be found here:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/worship-music/the-organ/organ-recitals>

### **Funeral of Marilyn Brown**

*Monday 23 June, 2.30pm*

The funeral will take place at Canley Crematorium.

### **Ordination of Priests & Deacons**

*Sunday 29 June, 10.30 and 4pm*

Bishop Sophie will preside at the ordination of priests in the morning, followed by the ordination of deacons in the afternoon. All are warmly invited to join these services as we prayerfully support those being ordained and their families.

## **Be a Chorister for a Day**

*Saturday 5 July, 1.00-4.30pm*

Parents and boys are welcome to sign up for this taster day. See what being a chorister is all about - try on a robe, practise some singing, have a tour of the cathedral, meet some of the choristers and even sing a mini service at the end of the day. There will be a tour and information session for parents at the same time. Sign up at the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/Be-a-Chorister>

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## **Vivaldi Four Seasons**

*Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm-9.30pm*

The exceptional musicians of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta perform Vivaldi's masterpiece The Four Seasons and Beethoven's much loved 'Emperor' piano concerto in the beautiful candlelit setting of Coventry Cathedral. Featuring leading virtuoso violin soloist Victoria Sayles and renowned concert pianist Warren Mailley-Smith, it's a hugely enjoyable Programme to help you celebrate the weekend in style! Tickets available on the Cathedral What's On page.

## **A Farewell Presentation for Luke and Alice Fitzgerald**

We shall be saying farewell to Luke and Alice on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July before Luke takes up his new post as Director of Music at Pembroke College, Cambridge. They will be greatly missed. During the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to donate towards a leaving gift and to sign a card on the Community Table at the back of the nave. Many thanks.

The Cathedral Churchwardens.



# Re-Imagining Transport In Coventry

**Public Meeting**  
**17th July 2025, 6.30pm**  
at the  
**Coventry Old Council House**  
Earl Street, Coventry CV1 5RR  
Diamond Room1

Are you interested in walking,  
cycling, buses, bikes, e-bikes,  
e-scooters, rail, taxis, trams or cars  
or all of the above?

This is your chance to have a say on how these work together  
within Coventry transport system.

Coventry Green New Deal is setting up a conversation between  
the transport planners and the people who live and work here so  
we will be asking for your ideas on transport, those being “left  
behind”, congestion, pollution and putting them to the Council.  
We hope to carry on talking so that together we can influence  
any changes in future.



All welcome, no expertise or  
experience necessary.



Free tickets available at <https://tinyurl.com/54r7ufem>